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RUNAWAY SHANGHAI PRICES Commissioner's Warning: Revolts And Unrest

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CHINA ASKS FOR LOAN

Washington, Feb. 26. China has asked the United States for a currency stabilization loan on top of the \$570 million she is due to get for machinery and essential imports. Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

In evidence given to Congress last week, Mr. Marshall said it would be a "grave effort for the United States to attempt to stabilize China's economy at the present time." Reuter.

WHEN H.K. ASKED FOR FIGHTERS

London, Feb. 27. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Paul Maltby's despatches on the Malayan-Netherlands East Indies campaign disclosed that an urgent request was received from Hong Kong in the summer of 1941 for fighter aircraft.

"Reason was because of the great support they would give civilian morale."

"The request could not be met. In case it should be proved possible later to meet the request for fighter aircraft, a fighter sector, control room and radar stations are to be sited and plans to be prepared for the provision of a fighter defence system."

R.A.F. plans allotted no air force for Hong Kong's defences, the despatches disclosed.

"Apart from local reconnaissance, no war role was envisaged for or arranged for the flight station at Kai Tak." Its function was target towing only, said the despatches published in the official London Gazette.—Associated Press.

Rice, Flour Prices Up

It is announced by the Rice Controller that owing to great increases in costs in the countries of production the retail prices of rationed rice and flour will be revised at rates as follows, effective from March 1, 1948:

RICE: From 48 cents per catty to 54 cents per catty.

FLOUR: From 44 cents per catty to 50 cents per catty.

(or from 38 cents per pound to 42 cents per pound).

Salvaged Tanker To Go To China

Salvaged by the Hong Kong Government last year, a 6,000-ton ex-Japanese tanker of the Yamashima Maru class is to be taken over by China's Enemy Property Liquidation Office for Kwangtung-Kwangsi-Fukien next week, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative Chinese sources last night.

Yesterday, the Chinese official C.B.E. Salvage Adviser to the Marine Department, salvage work on the former Japanese tanker, sunk by Allied bombs off the Yuen On wharf, Connaught Road West, began on July 1, 1947. It was completed on November 16 last year.

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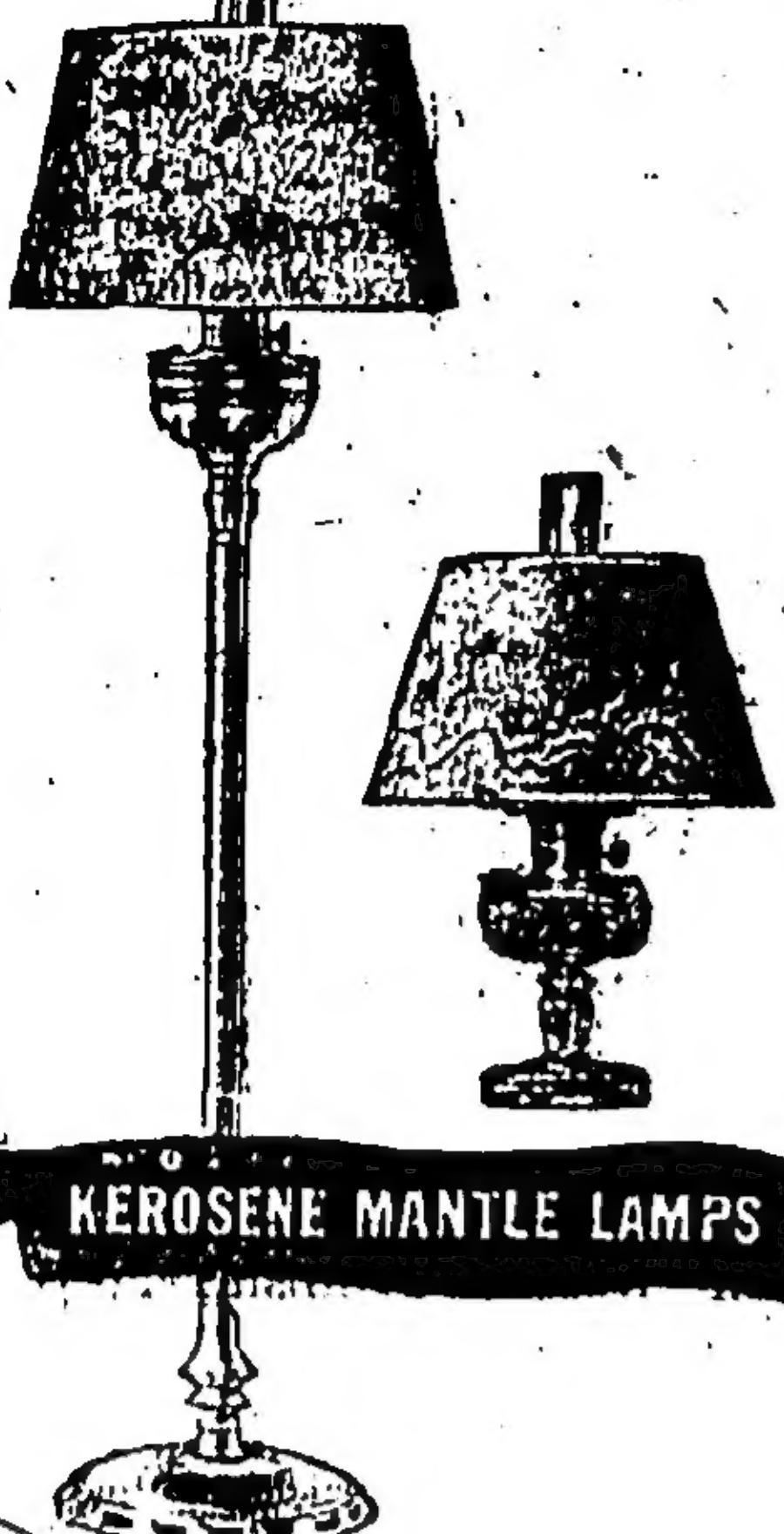
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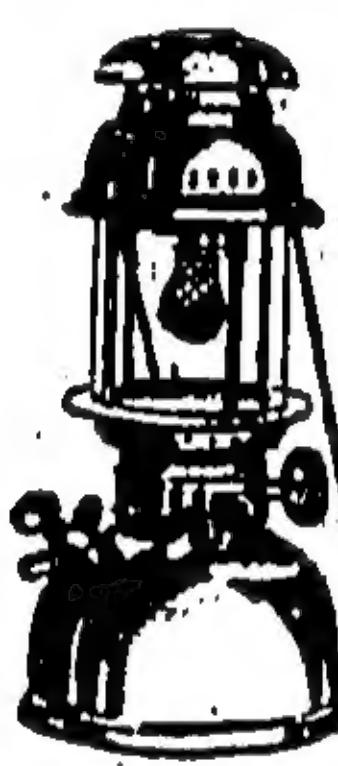
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Ignored Warning

Div.-Officer R.H.J. Brooks, Kowloon Fire Brigade, visited the premises of the Chee Sling Co., 67 Yu Chau Street, second floor, on Jan. 31 and found a quantity of fireworks. He told Woo Shing, the master, that he would be summoned.

The following day, D/O Brooks found a case of fireworks being unloaded and carried into the same premises.

Yun Kee, of 23A Boundary Street, claimed that he was the owner, and that he was the proprietor of the Wing Wo Cheung Company, was not legally represented.

After a lot of work sifting out the documentary evidence, the Fire Officer found that Yun was actually the folk of Woo and took the blame to save his master from a second summons.

This story was related to Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Yun Kee was summoned for storing 150 lbs. of fireworks and possession of prohibited fireworks.

He was fined \$200, and the fireworks were ordered to be confiscated.

When Woo Shing appeared, D/O Brooks informed the Court that defendant had a previous conviction for similar offences.

He was fined the maximum of \$100 on each summons and the goods were ordered to be confiscated.

FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of donations received up to yesterday which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Hong Kong Philatelic Society \$ 265.45

Received up to 20th February 1948 and already acknowledged 37,039.69

Total donations received up to 27th February 1948 \$38,205.04

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurers Messrs. Pent, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Exchange Building.

On Tuesday next, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will see a Sound Film entitled "Colonel Crompton". The Meeting will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 p.m."

Accompanied by Dr. I. Newton, H.E. Sir Alexander Grantham, paid a visit to the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, Happy Valley yesterday morning. His Excellency was received by Dr. Li Shu-Fan, Chairman, who introduced His Excellency to the Board of Directors comprising Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chau, Drs. Li Chu-Pui, Chau-Wai Cheung, T. C. Wong, C. H. Wan, W. K. Fok, H. C. Chan, Mr. Li Shu-Fong and the Matron, Miss Noreen Lam.

The party visited the various departments and wards including the hospital kitchen.

His Excellency showed great interest in the Free Out-Patient Department and the Charity Wards as well as the Training School.

Among those who left by CPA for Manila on Thursday were Mr. Roy Farrell, Miss Kay Martin Dale, Mr. E. J. Johnson, and Mr. Uy Kuy.

At the private viewing on Thursday, over \$10,000 was collected from paintings sold. The exhibition will continue until March 1. Lady Grantham, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Diana Kan, daughter of Mr. Kan, ordered a special chop to be made by him. Well known for work of this kind, Mr. Kan designs his chops according to old Chinese customs. The one which he will make for Lady Grantham will conform to the usual Chinese rule of having the maiden surname as well as the married name of the owner inscribed.

A large proportion of the linen shipped to China is bought by New York houses who pay for it in dollars, and have it embroidered in China. These good customers of Northern Ireland will be placed in an impossible position if they pay for their sterling at the official rate, and have to compete with people, no matter where, who are obtaining sterling at a considerable discount.

Mr. FORBES

Bangkok, Co. Down

Feb. 16, 1948

FALSE PRETENCES: WOMAN GETS YEAR Sold Cheque From California

Twelve months' hard labour was imposed upon a woman, Kong Tsui-yuk, 29, of No. 311, Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

DSI Lau prosecuted, while Kong, said to be the wife of the proprietor of the Wing Wo Cheung Company, was not legally represented.

Chan Chung-chau, of No. 34 Gilman Bazaar, second floor, said he shared the second floor of No. 311, Des Voeux Road Central, with the Wing Wo Cheung Company, in October, 1946. He closed his Company and went to Canton in March, 1947, where in May he received a telegram from a relative in California, that he had air-lettered to him to the Wing Wo Cheung Company a cheque for US\$1,200. Not receiving the letter, Chan came down and

found out from a folk that the letter had been received already.

After several unavailing visits to the firm, Chan reported to the Police, who instructed him to write to Lee about the matter.

Old Customer

Lee sent on December 12, 1947, another letter with the original cheque cancelled in Hong Kong and bearing the chop of the Hang Tai Bank No. 17, Nathan Strand East. Acting on information given by the bank, defendant was arrested.

Loung Kn-chit, assistant cashier of the Hang Tai Bank, sold defendant to his bank a cheque valued at US\$1,200, telling him that she was acting on behalf of a customer. Being an old customer of his, Loung trusted her and bought it for HK\$6,672. The cheque bore the chop of the Wing Wo Cheung Company, he added.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, alleged that Chan had trouble with her over the tenancy of No. 311, Des Voeux Road, saying that last year Chan arranged with "lan tsais" to threaten her and turn her family out. She reported to the Police, who took the "lan tsais" to the station. Nothing more was heard about them.

Civil Action

A month later, Chan brought the same "gang" again and she further reported it. This time she was sent with three E.U. members who arrested the "trespasser." Police, Kong said, scolded Chan for his action and advised him. If he had any right to the tenancy to take civil action. The same thing happened some weeks later; this time an Inspector followed her home, where Chan refused to open the door for them. He was again scolded. Chan then took civil action but the case was not heard when Chan made the present allegation and caused her to be detained. A week after her detention, Kong went on, Chan had the "lan tsais" turn her family out.

None of the money was recovered. Defendant, DSI Lau said, had no record.

Personalia

Passengers by P.A.A. Clipper "Racer" yesterday:—N. Bogdan, N.S. Brownell, and L.E. Marrs (for Manila), and R.E. Knight (for San Francisco).

Capt. P. Reed and Capt. Noel E. Turner left for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Passengers by the CPA yesterday for Singapore were Messrs. Foeng Jiu Jong and Lew Pak Nam.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Harold Clarence Leong, merchant, residing at 66 Weng-neichong Road, 1st floor, and Miss Lillian Soon of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, residing at 15 Gap Road, 3rd floor, has been announced.

Governor At Hospital

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THE SANTOS CASE: E.U. MAN ON STAND Claims Asked To Drive Lorry

Testifying in his own defence before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Richard Santos, member of the Emergency Unit charged with manslaughter, claimed that he was asked by a colleague, PC Pereira, to drive the vehicle involved in the accident at Queen Victoria Street on Dec. 22.

Santos, who had started giving his testimony in English, later stated that he would prefer to speak in Portuguese. This resulted in some delay. Eventually, Mr. C. d'Almada Castro was sworn in as interpreter.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Traffic Inspector W. Eggleston, is for the prosecution.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn, of Messrs. Bruton & Co., is appearing for Santos.

Inspector N. Reynolds, who appeared on subpoena, said he was responsible for the training and testing of drivers. Santos passed out on Oct. 18, 1947. He was tested and passed out on a 3-ton lorry, similar to that involved in the accident. He considered Santos was efficient to drive that type of vehicle.

Natural

It was natural that any person, after passing a test in a 3-ton lorry, should feel slightly nervous until he had acquired confidence which could only come from time and practice.

Dr. D. V. Gould, recalled and cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Bernacchi, said the effect of alcohol was not the same on all people. A given amount of alcohol would affect a small man to a greater extent than it would a man of large size. Alcohol has an immediate effect on the higher centres of the brain which control emotions.

After evidence by Inspector T. McInnes and Inspector Norman Senior as well as Traffic Inspector W. Eggleston, the case for the prosecution closed.

Santos On Stand

Richard Santos, testifying after Bernacchi had opened the case for the defence, said he was in the canteen with friends at about 10 a.m. on Dec. 22. He had two cups of beer.

RADIO

ZBII Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 886 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 932 kilocycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 Anton and the Paramount Theatre.
1.00 news—Sights by Mary Martin and Tony Martin.
1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Studio: Terry Lucido and His Quintet.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: Mick Hulding in the Marsh.
6.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Richard Crooks (Tenor).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Requests"—Linda Carter Calling No. 3 RAF Police District.
8.15 p.m.—Studio: "See Tec" Soccer Committee.
8.25 p.m.—Interlude.
8.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: Melodies from British Radio George Crown and His Blue Mariners Band: Barbara Summer, Vocal.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: Paul Temple and the Gregory Affairs—by Francis Durbridge. Ending 10—"Presenting Mr. Gregory".
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—Cabaret and Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

Inspector Charged

Police Inspector Peter Oliver Guild appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with Tam So, 33, of No. 10 Wing Lok Street, on two counts of demanding money with menaces.

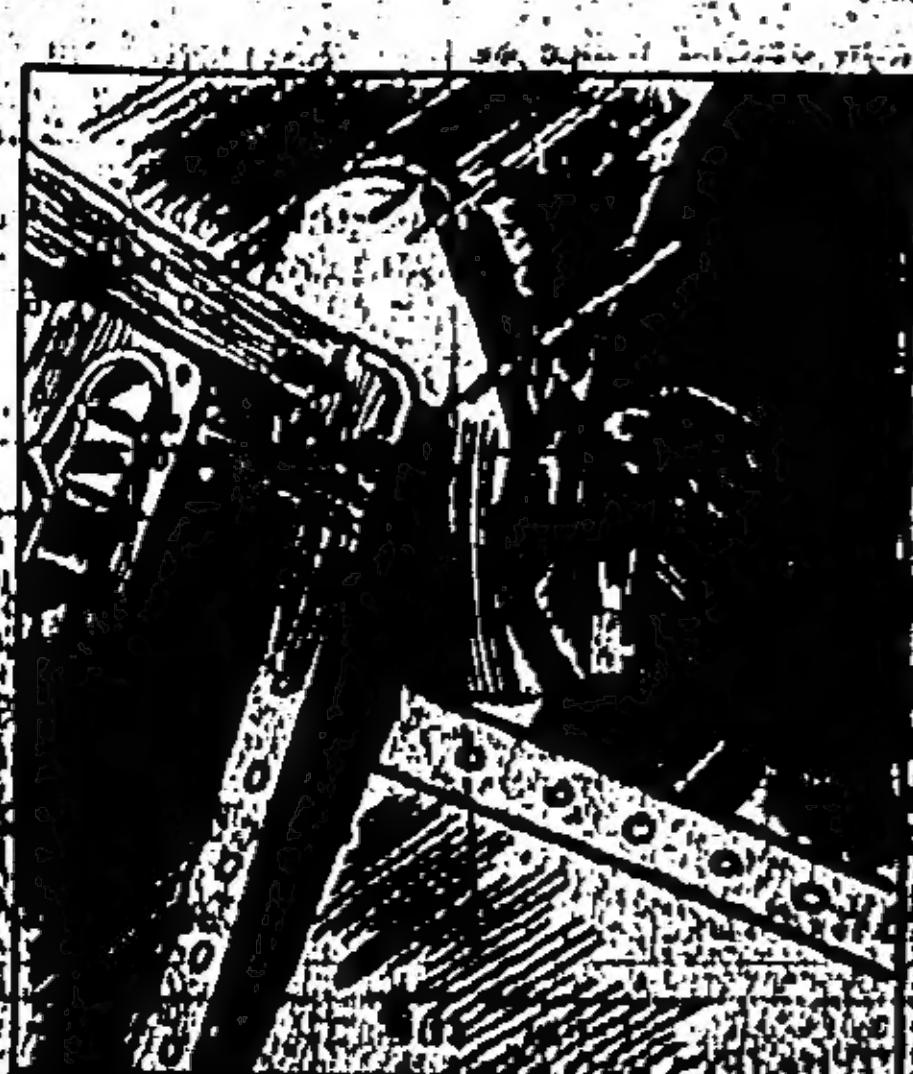
Both defendants were charged with demanding \$300 on Jan. 9 from Lo Wun-yung with intent to steal and again on Feb. 16 \$500 from the same person.

Mr. F. F. W. Shatford, SSP, asked for a formal remand for Guild, whose mental condition, he said, made it advisable for him to remain in hospital for the present. Guild was sent to the Prisoners' Ward, Queen Mary Hospital for a week. He pleaded not guilty.

Tam was remanded for three days in police custody.

RIP KIRBY

"SO HERE I AM / GYMPIED AMONG / FIFTY TRUNKS... AND NO WAY / TO TELL WHICH IS DOLLY MALONE'S! / IT'S TIME TO / BRING DOWN / THE HOUSE!"



Emperor's Aide Was Ambushed

"Even now, it seems to be a dream to me," Vice-Admiral Tarara Suzuki, on trial with 15 other alleged Japanese war criminals, told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday, referring to the Chinese Communist forces' ambush on a train carrying the naval aide to the Emperor, who was inspecting Hainan Island.

Tahara, charged with mistreating some 500 Hainan Camp prisoners and causing the death of 160 POWs between 1942 and 1945, finished his evidence yesterday, after which he was cross-examined by Prosecuting Officer Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div. SCAP, Tokyo, (GICQ).

Defendant told the Court, composed of Lt-Col. H. G. Quinn, DSO, ED, (President); Lt-Col. J. T. Brock (Judge Advocate) with Major N. McCleod and Lt. R. Carter as members, that the Chinese Communist forces chose the moment when the naval aide to the Japanese Emperor visited the island for an inspection tour.

All the troops then were assigned to guard the railway line. But a truck, containing 11 Japanese and 19 Australian POWs, was ambushed. Tahara continued, adding that his scouts did not follow his instructions to reconnoitre the area.

Captain Kamurn, second of the 16 defendants, will enter the box today at 9.30 a.m. and his evidence is expected to go on for a few days.

Cracker Permit Was Forged

So Suen-yau, former proprietor of the Chung Cheong Hardware Firm, charged with uttering a forged document and possessing such, was fined \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

So, represented by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, pleaded guilty.

Inspector Byron, of the SCA, told the Court that on Feb. 13, firecrackers attracted the attention of the SCA and a District Watchman was sent to investigate.

Mr. Lo said that it had been made convenient by the SCA for firecracker permits to be obtained by the public and no fees until April, 1947, were charged.

Mr. Lo said his client was seriously affected by the misfortunes of the last war and had tried to eke out a living, on and off, by firecracker brokerage.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that making alterations on any official document was a serious offence. The permit was altered for gain, the Magistrate concluded.

Fine On Driver

Convicted on charges of driving without a valid licence and without due care and attention, Kee Chuen (26), driver of private car 2816, was fined \$200 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

A check of SCA records showed that defendant applied for a permit on March 3, 1947. Finger Print Department experts had declared that the permit was used on several occasions.

Mr. Lo, asserting that his client's act "was that of a fool rather than a crook," said that defendant came from a respectable family and had no police record. Nothing could be said to reduce the enormity of the offence, but in view of defendant's age and clear record, he requested the option of a fine.

Committed On A Serious Charge

Cham Cheung, 28-year-old shop assistant, was committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for a serious offence against Wong Wan, 36, married woman, at 173 Peiho Street, ground floor, on Jan. 20.

In evidence, complainant said she had been married to Yu Man-shing, for 18 years, and was the mother of eight children.

She came to Hong Kong, for the first time, in Feb. 1947 and occupied a wooden shed in the backyard of 173 Peiho Street, ground floor. There was no lock to the door of the shed.

Her husband, defendant, witness, was a sweet drinks hawker at Shumchun who visited the Colony once or twice a month.

Alleged Struggle

Referring to the alleged offence, witness said that she went to bed at 10 p.m. on Jan. 19, and was awakened at a.m. the following morning by someone in the room.

She was told in a voice, which she recognised as that of accused, "Keep quiet and do not make a noise." She struggled with her assailant but there was no match for him.

After little over five minutes, said witness, defendant left her shed and went back to his own room which was just in front of her shed. She followed him and shouted out to his wife but received no reply.

At 8 a.m. the same morning, she spoke to accused's wife about the incident and was given a "lucky package" containing 40 cents, a pair of artificial flowers, and a piece of red cloth—symbols of the customary apology.

Report Made

When her husband returned from Shumchun on Feb. 8, she told him about the matter. He told her not to say anything about it to anyone for the time being.

At 9 p.m. the following day, she went with her husband to Shamshui Po Police Station, where a report was made. Two days later she saw accused in his room having his morning meal, and her husband went out and brought back a Chinese detective who took him into custody.

In reply to Det. Sub-Inspector C. Dowman, prosecuting witness said that, at the time of the alleged offence, defendant's breath did not smell of wine but only of tobacco.

Mr. Lo said his client was seriously affected by the misfortunes of the last war and had tried to eke out a living, on and off, by firecracker brokerage.

Mr. d'Almada remarked that making alterations on any official document was a serious offence. The permit was altered for gain, the Magistrate concluded.

Defendants Exonerated

"I discharge all defendants without any stain or blemish on their characters," Mr. F. X. d'Almada remarked when he discharged Lau Wo-ling, 32-year-old manager, of No. 23, China Street, Kuk Hing-chu, 28, shop boy, and Wong Wah-lyck, shop cooie, on charges of larceny of Admiralty flour, receiving stolen property and aiding and abetting the crime.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, defence counsel, said: "The case is undoubtedly an abuse of process. There was obviously no malice on the other side. If there were, defendants could take action... The first defendant has a high character and possesses a certificate given by the Governor for services rendered during the Japanese occupation. I ask Your Worship to make a public statement exonerating defendants without any stain or blemish on their characters."

First defendant was charged with stealing 27 sacks of flour, valued at \$960, property of the Admiralty, on Feb. 3 and receiving stolen property.

Defendant had a licence to drive a lorry driver but not a private car.

Defendant, originally charged before Mr. K. Keen at Tai-poo, after four appearances, in that Court, was transferred to the Kowloon Court on Feb. 20.

The hour was ordered to be returned to the defendants.

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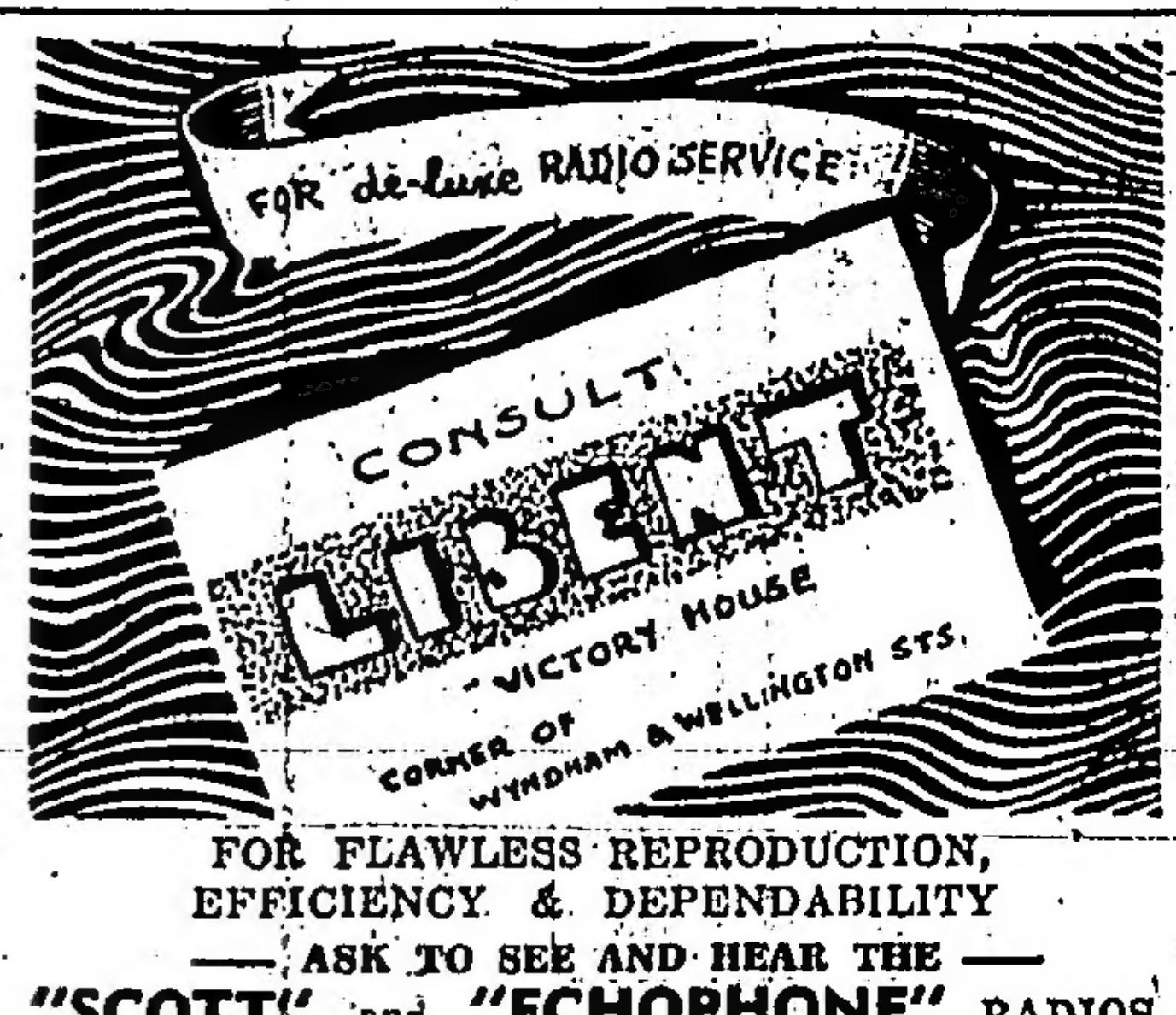
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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
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By Order of the
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Business: Election of Officers
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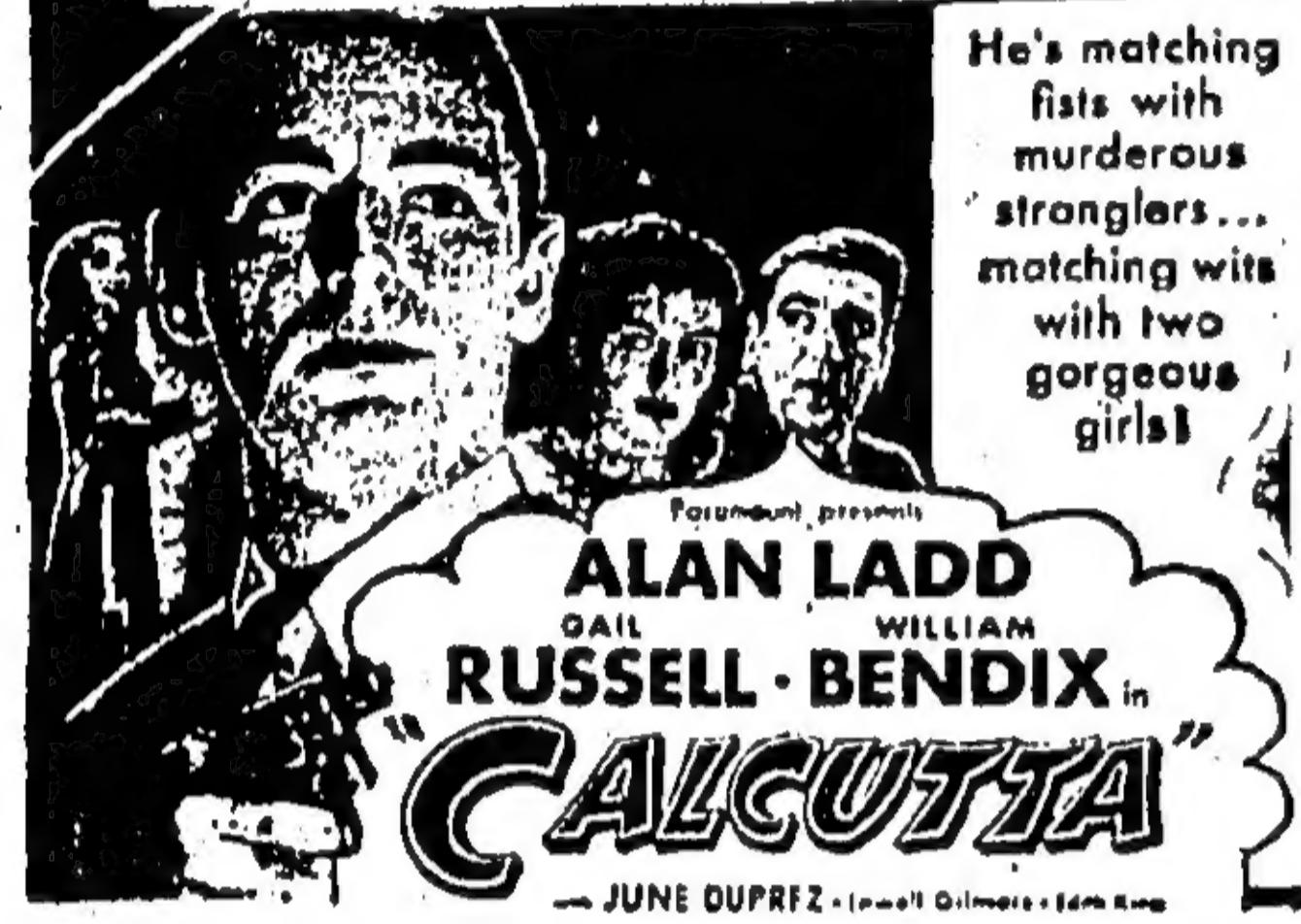
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Red flares lit the sky over Jerusalem tonight as British troops sought out Jewish and Arab gun positions south of the Old City. Heavy exchanges of rifle and automatic fire could be heard.

Two Arabs were killed and five wounded today when sharp fighting broke out between Jews and Arabs around the Hebrew University and the big Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem.

About eight Jews were wounded, Jewish sources stated. Police headquarters reported that Jewish gun positions on the roof of the hospital and university fired at Arab positions in Wadi Joz on the slopes of Mount Scopus.

Five houses in the Wadi Joz were damaged by Jewish mortars, it was officially reported. The Palestine Government, in an official statement today, said the Jewish Agency's "premature accusations" linking British forces with Sunday's Ben Yehuda Street explosion were "entirely unfounded."

A Government spokesman, referring to tomorrow's opening of an enquiry conducted by the Jewish Agency into the explosion, said the only authority competent to hold an enquiry was the Palestine Government.

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DR. LIE GIVES WARNING

Luke Successa, Feb. 26.
If the Palestine situation is not settled, "it will have a bad effect on the United Nations; especially if chaos resulted", Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, told correspondents here today.

It will reduce the prestige of the United Nations and lower the people's confidence in it, he added.

Asked to what extent the Security Council recognised the General Assembly's recommendations on peace, the Assistant Secretary General, Dr. Arkady Sobolev, said: "The Security Council is an independent organ and free to accept or reject the General Assembly's recommendations."

M. Ivan Kerno, Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs, said: "The Security Council is responsible for peace and security from whatever course peace is threatened. If it decides that any Assembly resolution is a threat to peace, it has power to recommend a reversal of that decision."

At the same time, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, gave a secret report on the Palestine situation and the American policy in relation to the Security Council to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senators were sworn to secrecy.

It was understood that Mr. Marshall reiterated the statement on United States policy made by Senator Warren Austin this week and defended it on legal moral grounds.

He is understood to have repeated that the United States has only 30,000 troops actually available now for any immediate movement.

Reports were current here today of a dispute between the State and Army Departments on the possibility of supplying troops.—Reuter.

Woman At The Head

London, Feb. 26.
A woman, Miss A. D. Stevens, heads a Board of Trade delegation which is now holding talks with the Soviet military administration in Berlin.

The delegation is seeking to conclude a trade pact between Britain and the Russian occupied zone of Germany.

Britain, it is understood, is asking for timber, textiles, steel scrap and potash. The Russians, in return, require rubber, coal, lead, copper and machinery.—Reuter.

"VALLEY FORGE"

Washington, Feb. 26.
The Navy confirmed today that the 27,000-ton carrier "Valley Forge" will visit the Persian Gulf shortly.

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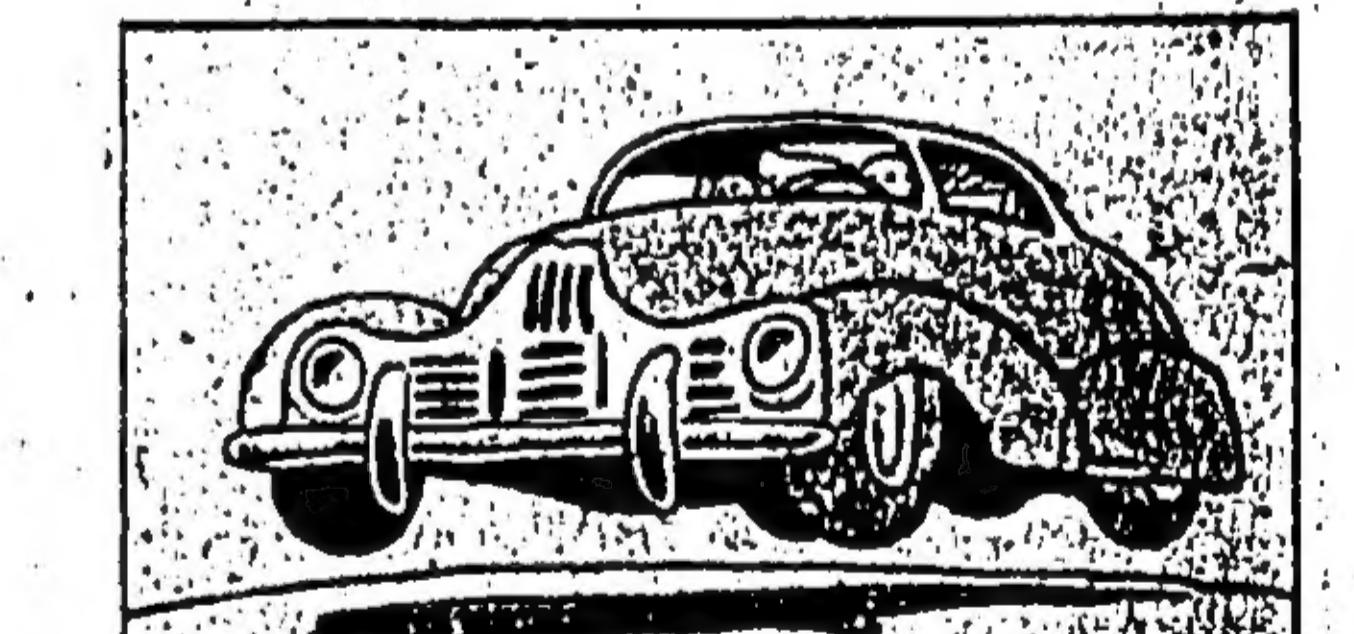
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PROFITS AND WAGES

"The Labour Government has now given warning that if the British people do not exercise voluntary restraint in relation to prices, profits and wages the Government will introduce legislation probably an enabling Act giving power to enforce limits all round. Ministers admit that that is what is meant by Sir Stafford Cripps's reference to 'compulsions,' if his appeal to both sides in industry does not meet with the necessary response."

The possibility of such a measure undoubtedly disturbs the Government as much as it would disturb industry if it were employed. It would mean a big and complex addition to bureaucratic administration, and a tremendous step towards that totalitarianism which the Chancellor of the Exchequer has admitted to be a likely alternative to failure to reach general agreement.

Once more it looks as though the Government is trying to rush through emergency measures against time. There is justified criticism of the almost frantic haste—to say nothing of the bad timing of events—with which the Government has presented to the country alternatives that might reasonably have been calculated much earlier.

Manufacturers and distributors have been given a month in which to prepare proposals for cutting prices and profits. The unions—scattered, completely autonomous bodies—have to be convinced equally quickly that wage demands (including those pending, affecting several million workers and involving scores of millions or pounds a year) must be abandoned, except in very special cases.

As to timing, it is felt that if the Government's statement about prices and profits had coincided with the White Paper on wages, instead of following it under pressure from the unions, trade-union leaders would not have committed themselves to a determined pursuit of their wage claims.

The T.U.C. General Council has shown beyond doubt that it appreciates the gravity of the country's position, and is anxious to collaborate with the Government. That is one thing. It is another to convince individual unions, over which it has no control, in a matter of days, that the hitherto sacrosanct principle of free bargaining in wages must be abandoned.

A split in the trade-union movement would gravely embarrass the Government and the Labour Party, weaken the authority of the T.U.C., strengthen the Communists, who are trying to extract the maximum party advantage from the situation, and bring nearer the totalitarian Government of which Sir Stafford Cripps has given warning.

No Recession Yet
Much of the nervousness aroused by the recent successive sharp breaks in commodity prices in America, has subsided, and there is general agreement that what has happened so far is just a healthy selective shake-out and is not necessarily the start of any all-embracing slump.

Few, however, dispute Mr. Truman's insistence that inflation is still the great danger. His economic advisers say that it will be some little time yet before they can determine whether the commodity plunge will infect the whole inflationary spiral.

Those who contend that the adjustment will be confined to the commodity field claim that the break is predominantly a reconciliation between inordinately inflated food prices and non-food prices.

They also cite the tremendous pent-up demand for consumer goods and houses, and heavy world recovery needs which only the United States can supply. Others who doubt if the trend

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SINGAPORE ENJOYING ELECTION CAMPAIGN

By Royal Macartney

Singapore voters will go to the polls for first time on March 20 and will have the choice of voting for "stork," "orchestra," "conductor," "trumpet," "microphone," "cat," "moon," "race-horse," "boxer," "telephone," "violin," or "flower."

These are the symbols which, for the benefit of illiterate voters, appear in parenthesis alongside the names of the 16 candidates for the six seats in the new Singapore Legislative Council of 22 members.

These symbols were allotted by ballot and the only lady candidate drew the microphone.

Singapore is enjoying the election campaign. The first explosive slogan which broke the long years of political inarticulation was the newly-formed Progressive Party's demand: "Governor, Gimmon, Must Go."

Earlier fears are now fading that this first faltering step towards self-government might prove a one-sided farce as a result of a left-wing boycott. Instead, the election is expected to prove a stimulating introduction to western democratic procedure.

Following the introduction of the Singapore Election Bill last year, the left-wing made up of the Communist Party, the All-Malaya Council of Joint Action and the Malay party

put forward their supporters to boycott the election because of what they believed inadequate elected representation of only six seats in the new Singapore Legislative Council of 22 members.

This new legislature for the colony of Singapore Island, like the colony and its new constitution, is entirely separate from the Federation of Malaya made up of the nine Malaya states and the former Straits Settlements of Penang and Malacca.

Nine members of the Singapore Legislative Council will be "officials," nominated by the Governor to represent minority communities or otherwise unrepresented interests. One each will be nominated by the Singapore European, Chinese and Indian Chambers of Commerce. The remaining six will be returned by popular vote.

The left-wing parties believe they could win all these six seats if they contested the election but would have no real power in the majority-nominated Council.

As a result of political apathy or the left-wing boycott, only 22,941 voters registered when electoral rolls were drawn up out of a total eligible estimated to be about 150,000.

Most of Singapore's Chinese who number over 700,000 in a population of 940,000, are immigrant and thus excluded from a vote. Similarly, Malays born in the pre-war British-protected Federated States do not qualify either.

The Governor of Singapore, Sir Franklin Gimmon, speaking in the Singapore Advisory Council in mid-December, declared that the size of the electoral rolls demonstrated that a large section of the population was not interested in the conduct of public affairs.

"The public is not yet fully educated in the matter of democratic government and requires still some education before it can be entrusted with a full share in the direction of the affairs of this colony," said Sir Franklin.

Left-wing representatives denied apathy and pointed to the effective one-day hartal, called by themselves and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, last October, in protest against the new constitution, which paralysed the whole of Malaya for 24 hours.

Many political observers believe however that it would have been a wiser and more profitable course if the left-wing had contested the Singapore elections with their programme and platform.

Now that the League has gained self-government by peaceful means it was said, the non-official armed force was surplus to Burma's requirements.

In some districts members of the force recognised this and banded in their arms. In other areas they have been reluctant to give up their special privileges.

There was believed to be a danger that extremists might join the Communists rather than let their present special role fade out, but it was thought the memory of their late leader, Aung San, and the high personal reputation of the present Premier, Thakin Nu, might keep most of them in the present coalition.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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Whenever a defender has proved foolish enough to double your contract when his own honours are poorly placed—so he must play them before your own honours—it is your duty to thank the Fates for their kindness. The opponent has given you possession of information which can guide you in all doubtful decisions about just how you should try for your contract. Making use of all such information is worth plenty of points in the long run.

S. K. 7.5
H. A. 10.3.2
D. 3.2
C. A. Q. 3.4

S. 3.2
H. Q. 7.6.5
D. J. 8.7.6
C. 9.7

B. A. Q. 10.6
H. I. 9
D. A. Q. 9.5.4
C. K. 6.1

(Dealer: North, East-West, vulnerabili-

ties)
North East South West
Pass Pass Pass Pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass
Dbl. Dbl. Dbl. Dbl.

Here was a case in which a four-card suit with only three card supports proved good enough for a slam contract. It might not have been without its silly doubt, but after it South should have been badly censured if he had not found the way to success.

West decided to lead his heart Q, since the dummy's first bid suit was called for by East's double. He led that suit and went to work. He noted that all of the slam-beating material against him consisted of the King (K), four trumps to the 7, and four clubs—for all of which he decided to count East, who also was likely to have to heart K, unless in view of his own singleton heart. So he based his play on that presumption.

Winning the opener with the heart A, he finessed the diamond Q, scored the A, then led the 4 and ruffed with the spade 5, which East over-ruffed with the 3. The heart K was ruffed by the spade 6, the diamond 9 by the spade K—too high for East—and the 7 was led for a finesse of East. The A and Q cleared East of trumps, the diamond 9 was taken and three clubs finished the deal.

What are the three separate ways in which misinforming given by a psychopath of a short or blank suit may eventually damage your side?

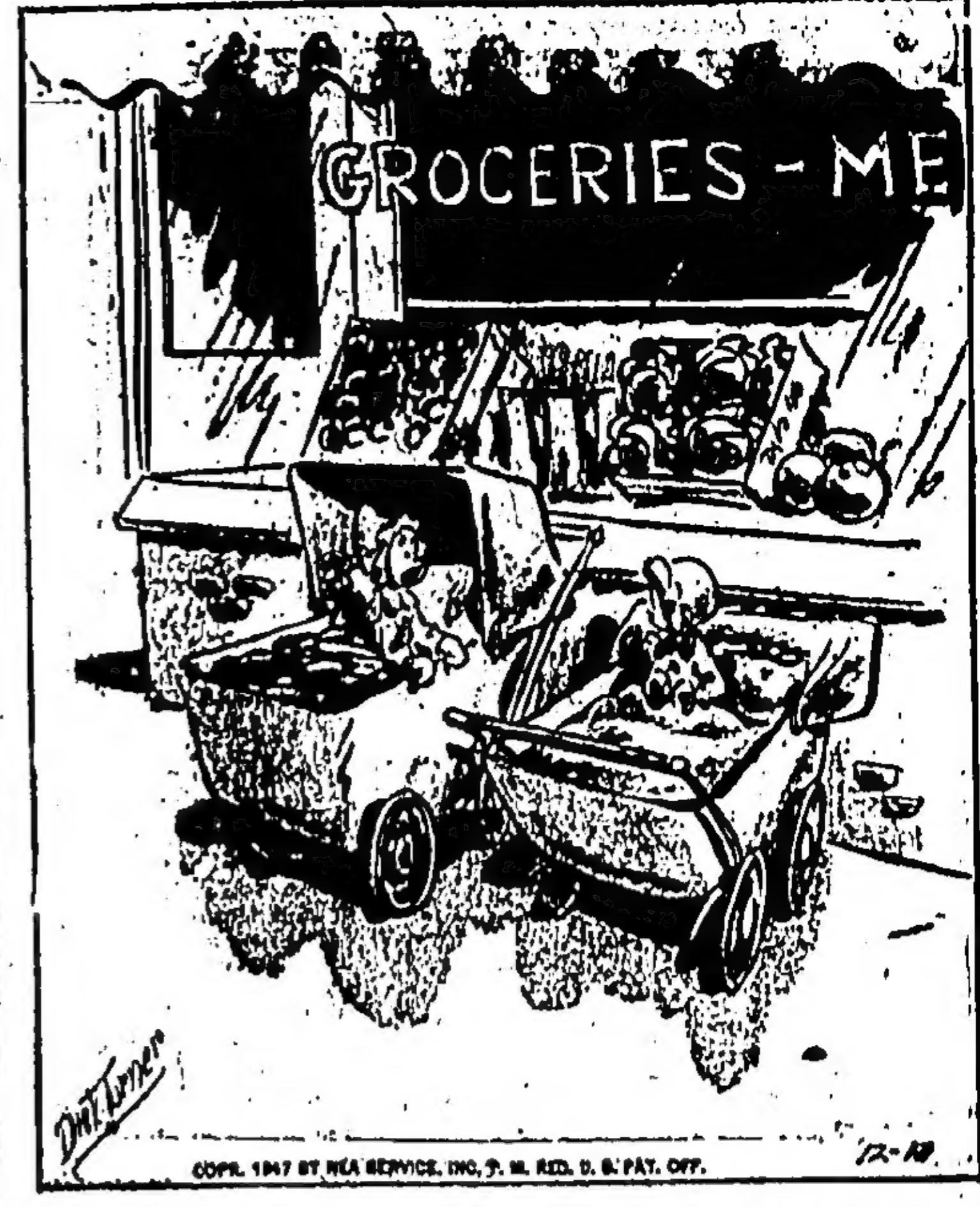
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Another thing—I'm simply lost without a glass of water at three o'clock in the morning!"

Marshall Aid Sinks To Number Four
By Clifford Hulme

Be advised by this list of talking points in America today, given in order of importance.

1. Home prices.
2. Presidential candidacy.
3. Those Russians.
4. Aid for Europe.

While most Americans approve of helping Europe, Congress bogies at the cost and fears the effect on home prices.

Some aid will be voted one day—that is the best summing-up of the vital situation which affects everyone in Britain.

Meanwhile, aid is going to Britain, day in and out, from private sources.

Last autumn, Mrs. Varden, of Market Drayton, England, visited her sister at Falls Church, a middle-class Washington suburb.

She told the people about Britain—even if not in the

United Kingdom way. Local folk wanted to help, so they formed sharing groups, each pledged to send one fruit or clothing parcel a month to a needy family abroad. The first parcel went to Mrs. Spender, a war widow with three children, of London, N.W. word "No." "I slaved ten nights running over that letter," he confessed. Now he's writing his war memoirs, and his pen will be mightier than his sword to the tune of £18,000.

Ike's exit has only slightly thinned the fog around the Presidential contest.

The long-silent Dewey has opened a Washington office and his mouth.

Stassen flits about in a plane full of typewriters and duplicators and hunts votes in Taft territory.

All three are getting in each other's hair, and MacArthur is poised to nip in from Nippon.

Dog-eat-dog

Democrats purr over this Republican dog-eat-dog, but worry over a running mate for Truman. Though inflation has both sides scared, each blocks the other from grappling with high prices. The reason: whichever can prick the price balloon gets the budget-battered housewife's vote.

It's the same with tax cuts. The Democrats promise to raise the personal exemption from £125 to £175 (in Britain it's £110

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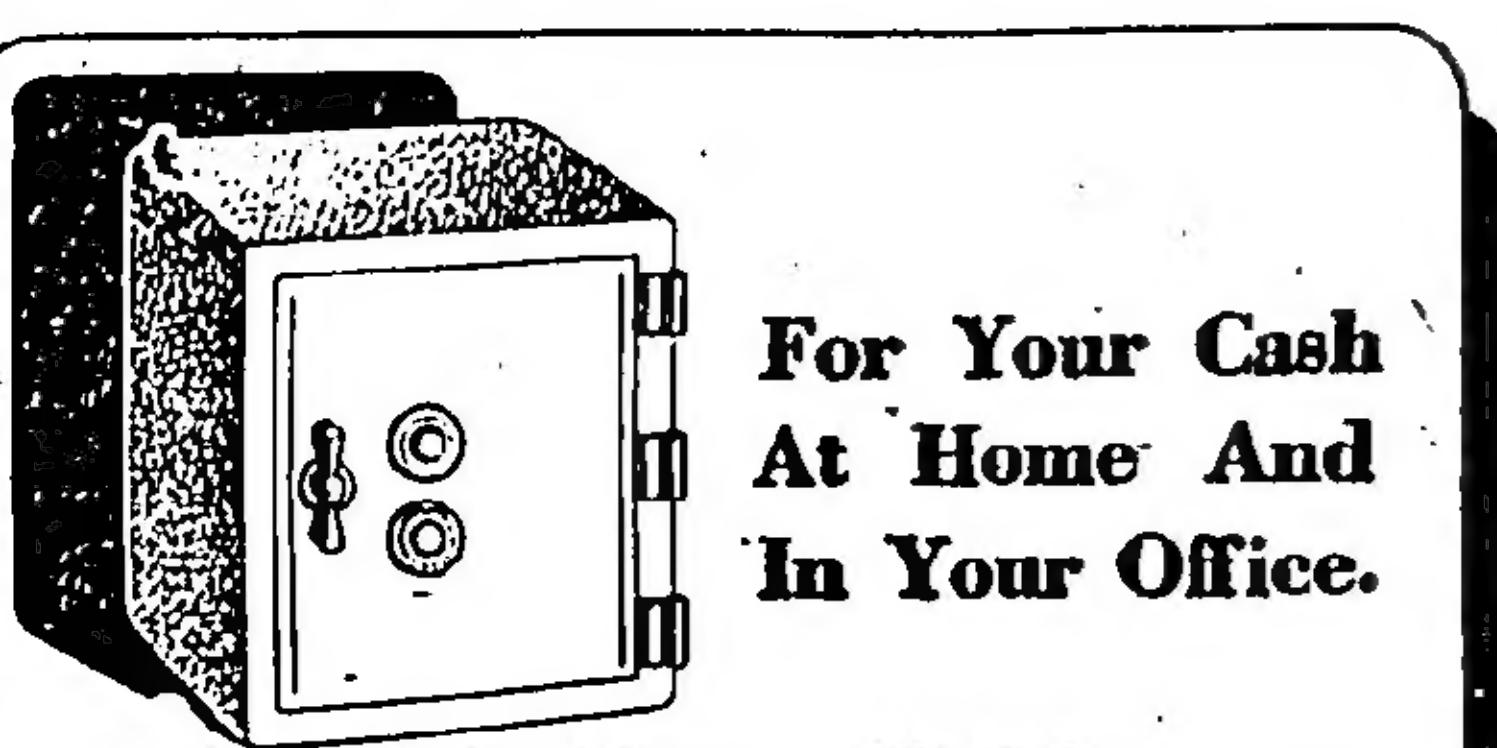
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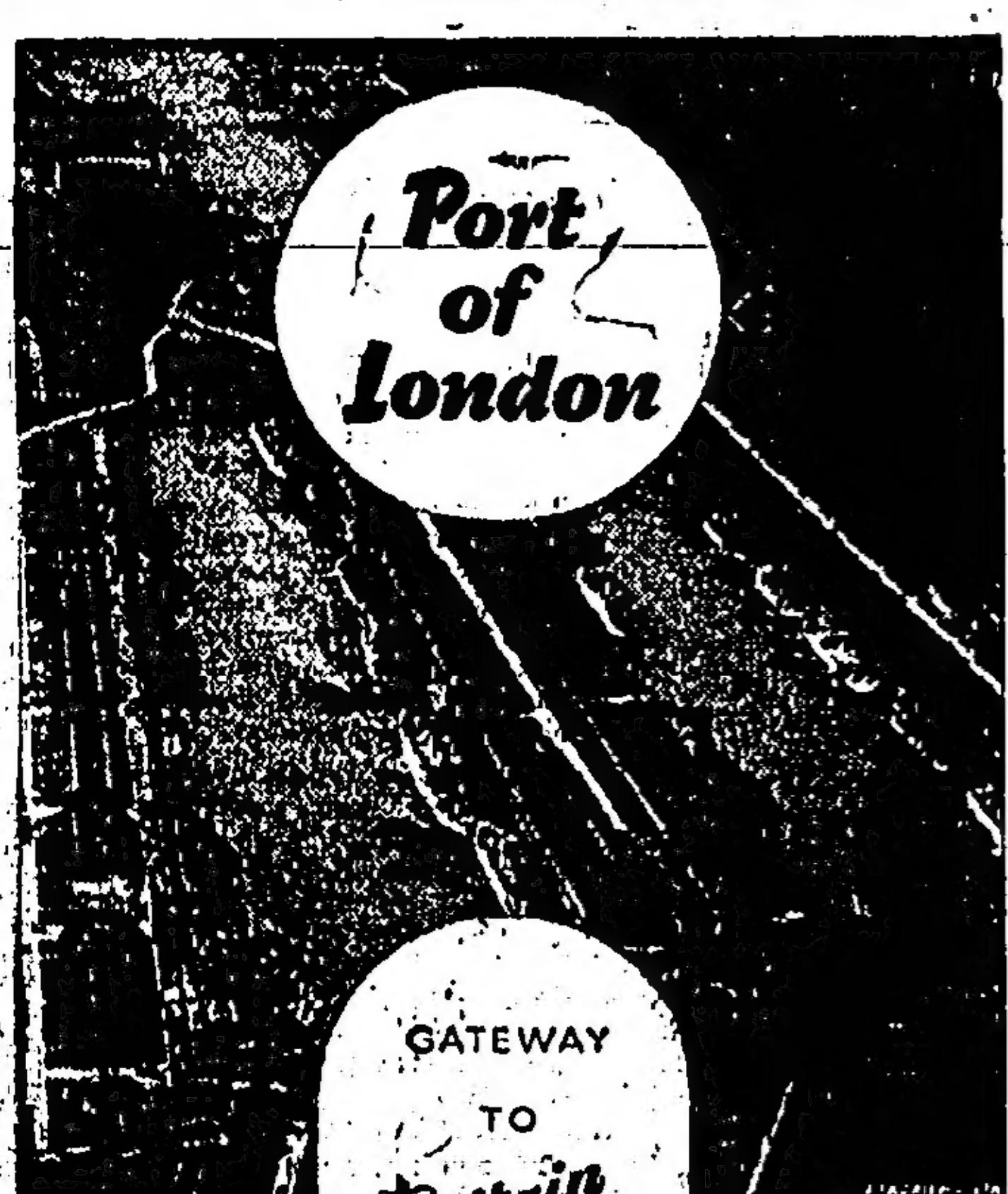
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA COUP

Democratic Powers Join In Condemnation Unique In Modern Diplomacy

Washington, Feb. 26. In a joint statement, the United States, Britain and France today condemned events in Czechoslovakia as "placing in jeopardy the very existence of the principles of liberty to which all democratic nations are attached." The three-nation declaration said: "By means of a crisis artificially and deliberately instigated, the use of methods already tested in other places, has permitted the suspension of the free exercise of Parliamentary institutions and the establishment of a disguised dictatorship of a single party under the cloak of a government of national union."

The three nations cannot but condemn a development, the consequences of which can only be disastrous for the Czechoslovakian people

who had proved once more, in the midst of the sufferings of the second World War, their attachment to the cause of liberty.

The State Department issued the statement without any separate American comment.

It was pointed out, however, that this "Big Three" statement constituted a unique development in postwar diplomacy and the most forceful condemnation yet of Soviet action in Eastern and Central Europe.

Hitherto such protests have been expressed individually by Britain and the United States, though often in almost identical terms.

Previously, France, too, has not normally joined with Britain and the United States in condemning the various coups in South-East Europe.

Paris, Feb. 26. M. Henri Verdoux, the Paris citizen who is bringing an action against the distributors of Charles Chaplin's wife-murderer film "Monsieur Verdoux," opened his case today by saying that he had six points in common with his namesake of the film.

They were: his surname, his Christian name, his employment in a bank, the fact that he was married, that he was a father of a boy of five, and that he was a specialist in financial questions.

"I have never known so many marked coincidences," his lawyers said.

M. Verdoux is claiming 5,000,000 francs from the United Artists' Distributors and Cinemas.

He asserted that his reputation, peace and well-being had suffered. He had been chased by journalists, harried by

photographers and had completely lost his former calm.

Customers at the bank where he was employed called him "Bluebeard."

During an adjournment in the courtroom, press photographers fired off magnesium flares.

Judgment was postponed until March 18.—Reuter.

Under a second convention four years later, Britain undertook to provide £50,000 towards joint communications by rail or road. But this convention was never ratified nor came into force and the Guatemalan Government subsequently claimed that the whole treaty of 1859 was invalid and that Guatemala had a valid claim to the whole of British Honduras.

Britain, disputing the claim, said the 1859 Convention had merely confirmed a frontier which had existed since Guatemala achieved her independence in 1821.

As in the case of the Antarctic dispute, Britain's solution is to bring the matter before the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

London, Feb. 26. A plane, which crashed in a ploughed field at Brookland, Kent, turned upside down. The pilot, W.J. Janzen, 36 of Pilsen, Holland, was only slightly hurt.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26. Nearly 99,500,000 gallons of milk were sold off-farms in England and Wales in January, exceeding the total in January 1939 by 25 per cent.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26. Seventy members of the office staff of the Elder Dempster Lines have been chosen by lot to go on a weekend trial cruise of the Company's new liner APAPA, 10,700 tons.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26. Mrs. Attiler had to take a second throw to break the bottle of champagne which launching the 10,925 ton-tanker British Fame on the Tyneside.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26. The first shipment from Britain to Russia under the new trade agreement will be 1,500 tons of light rails and accessories.—Reuter.

Prague, Feb. 26. The press section of the Czech Ministry of Information tonight banned publication of the joint British, French and United States communiqué condemning the recent events in the country.—Reuter.

In Berlin today, he said, political life has "swallowed up all other interests but the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, announced he would go to Argentina after his British tour.

In Prague, Feb. 26. Dr. Kurt Furtwangler, 62-year-old conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, accused of having enhanced the prestige of Nazi Germany but cleared of the charge in 1946—said here today: "He did not regret having played in Germany under the Nazi regime."

I regarded it as my duty to stay there as I felt responsible for keeping music alive in Germany," he told newspaper men.

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President of the Republic today

Prague Radio reported tonight.—Reuter.

Prague, Feb. 26. Czechoslovakia's new Cabinet took their Oath of Allegiance to the President of the Republic today. Prague Radio reported tonight.—Reuter.

Snyder Forecast

New York, Feb. 26. A Washington despatch today quoted the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, as saying in a formal statement that there "will undoubtedly have to be a devaluation of currencies in some of the countries involved in the European recovery programme."

At the same time, the despatch published in a Wall Street Journal, said the Administration rejected Congressional suggestions for a special international monetary conference to coordinate devaluation moves.—Reuter.

Locke Partners Windsor

Palm Beach, Feb. 25. The Duke of Windsor drew Australian champion Bobby Locke as his golfing partner as the blue bloods paired off with professionals for next week's annual tournament at the exclusive Seminole Country Club.

Customarily and off the record will be more than the dignity and comparative scores of the gentlemen golfers at stake. The society golfers and their roosters yearly put up a sizeable pool on the respective merits of the pro-amateur teams.

About 32 ranking professionals have entered this year. Each will be teamed with two amateurs.

Playing with the Duke of Windsor and Locke will be polo star Stephen Sanford.

Winston Guest, who was host at the recent Withrop-Rockefeller wedding, will team with Robert Sweeney, former British amateur champion, and professional Herman Kelsier.—United Press.

Honduras Dispute Alarm

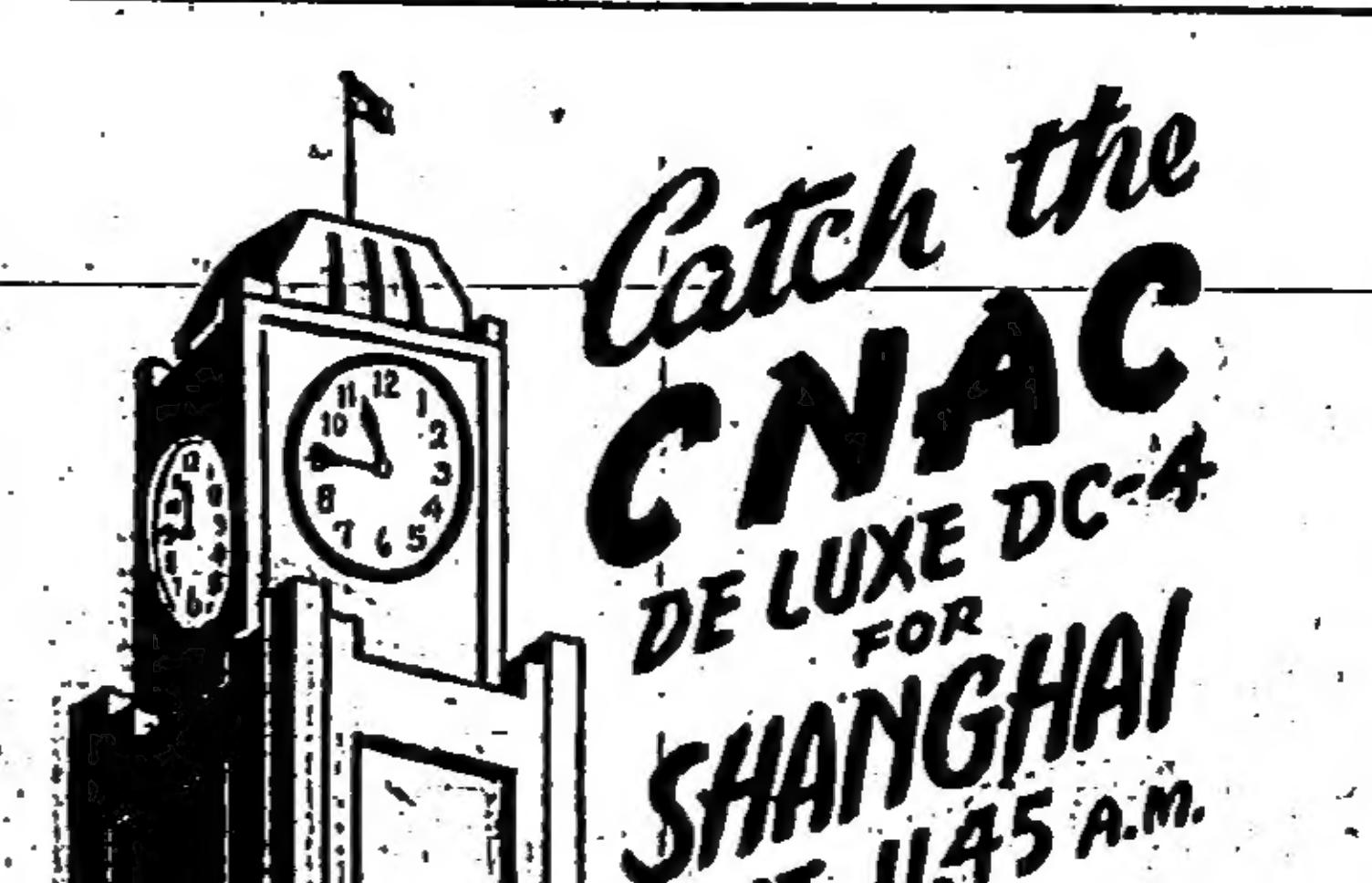
London, Feb. 26. The cruiser Sheffield is tonight on its way to Belize from Cartagena, Colombia, to guard against Guatemalan extremists. The point at dispute dates back to 1859, when an Anglo-Guatemalan Convention was concluded and ratified which confirmed the existing frontier between Guatemala and Honduras.

This was proposed by Britain in 1946.

The Guatemalan Government is prepared to accept the jurisdiction of the International Court only if the master is judged "ex aequo et bono" so that consideration of equity as well as of law can be pleaded.

This the British Government was unwilling to accept and the dispute has remained at an indecisive stage.—Reuter.

The report added that mail bags were being kept isolated in case of explosions.—Associated Press.



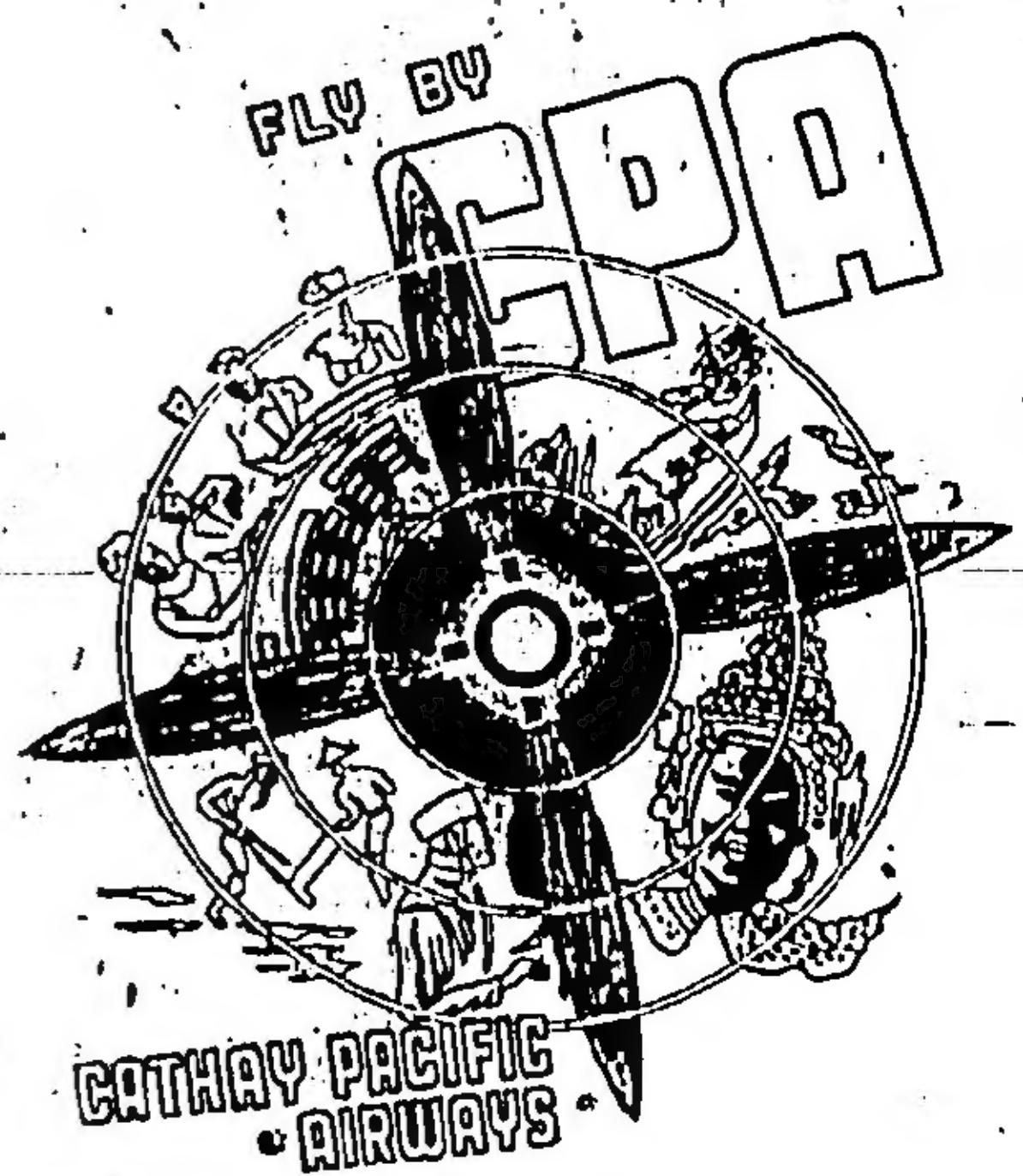
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

New M.G., More Sedate Model, Is A Happy Compromise

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The MG Midget 2-seater—surely one of the most attractive sports cars in current production—is now being joined on the streets of Hong Kong by its slightly more sedate brother, the MG 1½-litre saloon. A brief test run a few days ago shows that in the closed model the MG lover has a car which combines both performance and comfort—not to mention silence and economy.

Basically, the Midget and the 1½-litre have the same engine and gearbox, except that the saloon has a modified camshaft and only one carburettor. With the heavier body, a slight decrease in maximum speed is only to be expected, though the saloon will do better than 70 miles an hour, cruises happily in the "sixties," takes 40 miles an hour in its stride and potters quite happily where occasion demands in the lower speed brackets. In other words, it is a good all-rounder.

There are several differences between the 1½-litre and its pre-war predecessor, the 1¼-litre. For instance, for the first time there is a coil-spring independent front-wheel suspension system, with the usual half-elliptics at the rear. The gear-shift lever, too, is new; it is not the old familiar remote-control type always found on MGs, but the normal cranked type—changes up and down, though, are as snappy and as positive as ever.

High-gained and with a strong castor action, the steering is extremely light and, although a little disconcerting to a driver used to lower geared steering systems, is a dream once one becomes accustomed to it after a mile or so. Combined with remarkable stability, thanks to the suspension and damping system, it enables one to round all sorts of bends, at either low or high speeds, with a positive sense of complete control over the car. The MG goes where the driver puts it; it does not take charge at critical moments and try to force over ideas of its own.

The MG 1½-litre is essentially a sports saloon. For that reason, it would be unfair to expect it to provide seating in comfort for more than four people. At the same time, the compact body, with seats well within the wheelbase, provides an almost luxurious interior and the rear passengers find that the car is not only easy one to enter or leave but that their comfort has not been overlooked.

In addition to the side elbow rests, there is the usual folding centre arm-rest and adequate extra toe-room under the front seats. The latter are adjustable and have well-planned curved backs which give admirable support and make swaying on sharp turns almost an impossibility.

Although, as denoted by the phrase "Comfort Fast" coined by the "Autoenr" (a reference to the open 2-seater's slogan of "Safety Fast"), the 1½-litre saloon revels in high-speed cruising, it is by no means an unpleasant car to handle in urban areas. A quick-change gearbox—which seems to have its own slogan of "the faster the better"—snappy acceleration and compact dimensions make one saloon an extremely handy vehicle in traffic, while excellent all-round visibility simplifies parking.

So far as driver-comfort is concerned, the 1½-litre has obviously been designed by an enthusiast. The driver sits well up to a thin-rimmed, spring-spoked wheel which is quickly adjustable. The gear-shift lever falls close to hand, as does the hand-brake lever fitted in the ideal place—between the front seats. There is ample room of the clutch pedal for the left foot. The rear-windshield, blind, for night driving, can be pulled up and down without need for stopping the car or taking one's eyes off the road.

The push-pull control for the lights is extremely easy to operate. The traffic-indicators are operated by a knurled disc around the horn button in the centre of the steering wheel; the raising and lowering of the door

Data

BODY: 4-door, 6-light saloon; folding roof.
ENGINE: Four cylinder O.H.V. pushrod engine, 10.07 hp. (1.250 c.c.) developing 44.5 bhp at 4,800 rpm. Compression ratio: 7.3 to 1. Force-feed lubrication with full-flow oil filter.

TRANSMISSION: Four-speed synchromesh gearbox. Ratios: 5.143, 7.121, 10.646 and 18 to 1. Hardy-Spiers needle bearing open propeller shaft to spiral bevel final drive.

SUSPENSION: I.T.S. of lateral wishbone type with coil springs; underslung half-elliptics at rear; hydraulic dampers and anti-sway bar.

BRAKES: Lockheed hydraulic 9-inch brake drums.

STEERING: Rack and pinion, direct coupled.

TYRES AND WHEELS: Dunlop ELP 5.25 x 16 in. tires on disc wheels.

DIMENSIONS: Wheelbase, 81 in.; overall length, 13 ft. 5 in.; height, 42 in.; ground clearance, 5 in. Turning circles, 34 ft. 10 in. (left), 35 ft. 5 in. (right).

LOCAL AGENTS: Dodwell, Motors.

windows; presumably this is to prevent them from jabbing one's arm uncomfortably.

One other feature of an extremely pleasant car which should be mentioned is the provision of permanent Jacks by hydraulic jacks. The Jack control valve—by which either the front rear or whole car can be raised up on its built-in jacks—and the hydraulic pump are placed under the engine bonnet on the left side.

To sum up, the MG 1½-litre saloon is a splendid compromise between the comfort and luxury of the normal closed car and the road-holding and speed of the open sports car. In the words of the "Autoenr," it "has that faculty possessed by a limited number of today's cars of making the driver feel he is a good driver, whereas, at least part of the truth is that the car itself by its sound qualities of design makes things easy by responding so readily to the controls, and encourages a good standard of driving."

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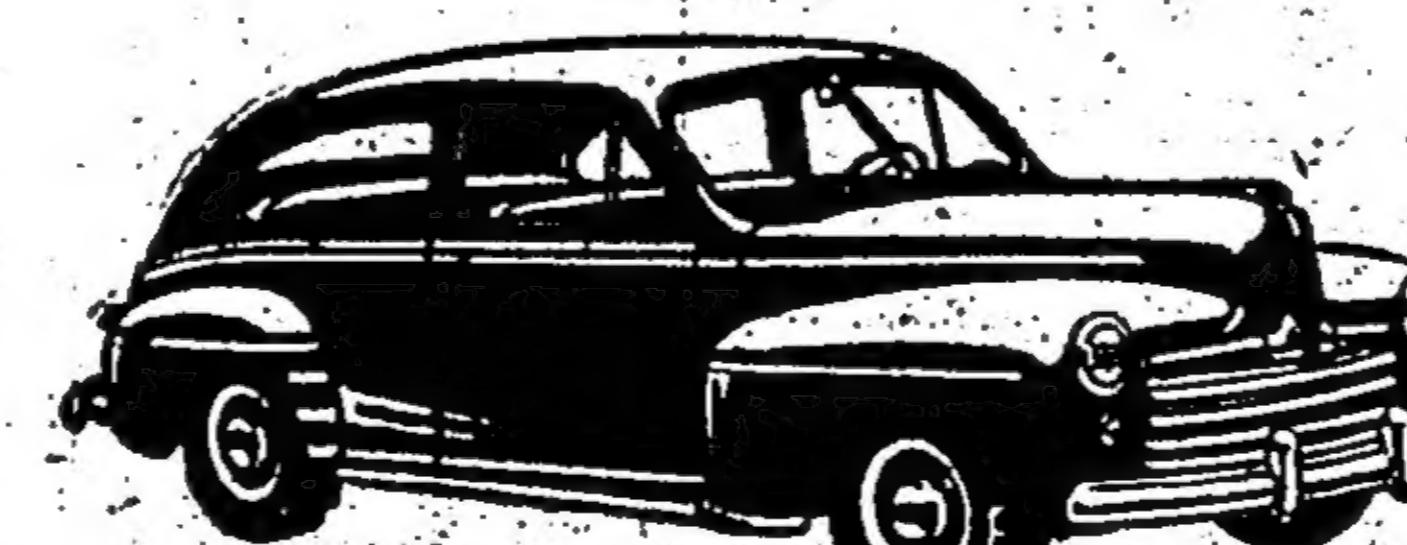
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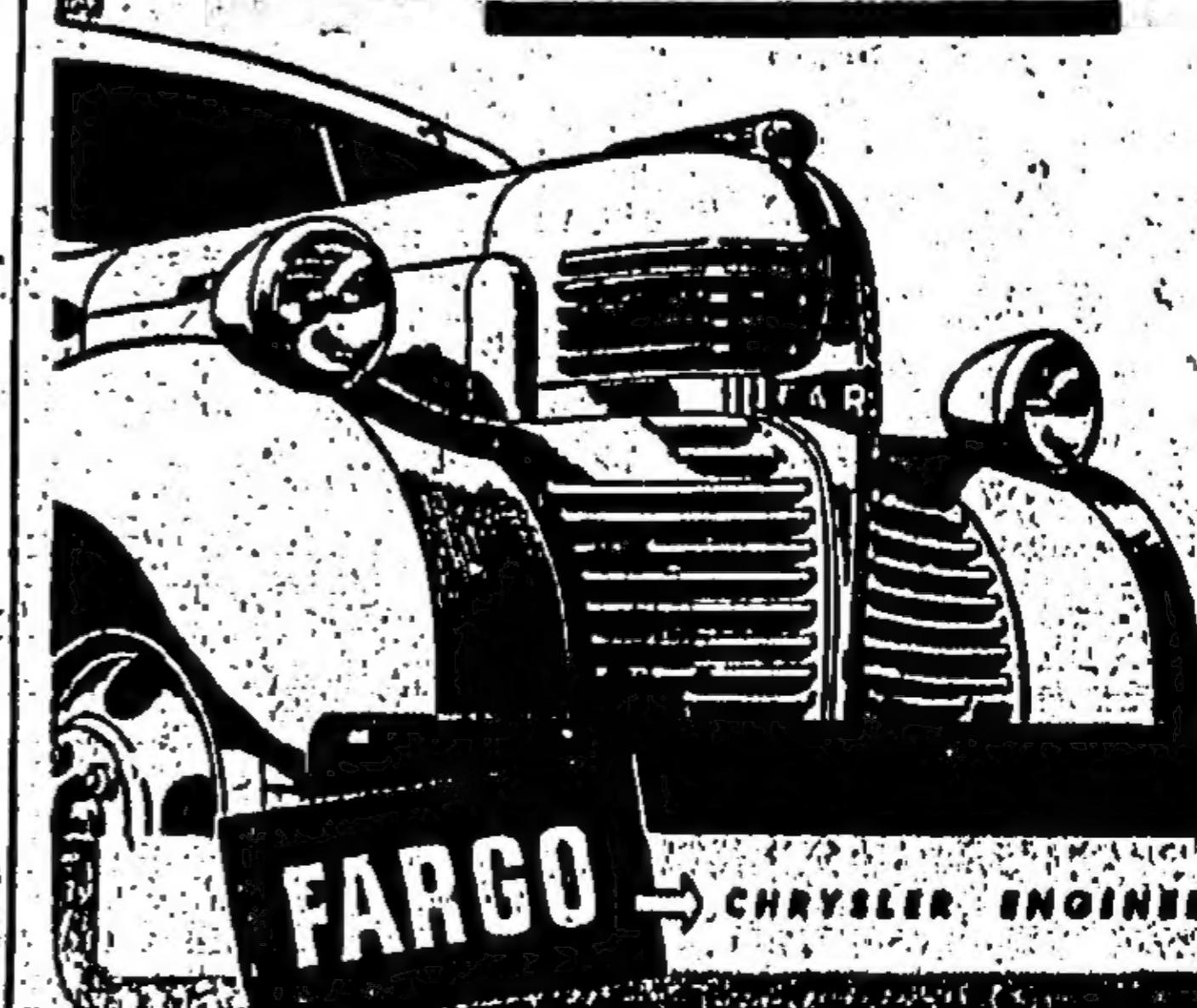


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ARGENTINA'S STATEMENT
Conference On Falklands

The Falkland Islands "unquestionably belong to Argentina," but Argentina would agree to a conference to discuss the disputed Falkland Islands Dependencies, Dr. Juan Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign Minister, stated tonight.

The Argentine Foreign Minister did not preclude taking the question to the International Court, as suggested by Britain, but he said a conference of the powers concerned should precede this.

"The Falkland Islands are Argentine without any need for discussion, nor for a conference, nor for future arbitration, and we not in Argentina's possession only for reasons founded on force," Dr. Bramuglia said.

Declaring that Britain "had illegally seized" the Falkland Islands, the Foreign Minister said: "The right of a State to its territory is permanent, even though it has not the necessary force to sustain it."

The statement, a long-written document given to the press—was a reply to yesterday's demand by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, that the Argentine question should go before the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

The statement expressed the hope that Britain, "inspired by the purest traditions of international law and of the essential liberties" would cede the Falklands to Argentina, "thus consolidating the relations between our two peoples and contributing to the establishment of universal goodwill."

Plate Conference

General Juan Domingo Peron, President of the Argentine, and Senor Luis Batlle Berres, President of Uruguay, will meet tomorrow morning on board the Argentine Presidential yacht, Esmeralda, in the middle of the River Plate. It was officially announced here today.

Though the meeting was announced some time ago, there has been no official indication of the subjects to be discussed.

It was suggested here tonight that Uruguay might support the Argentine and Chilean claims in the Antarctic, basing her action on the Rio de Janeiro Inter-American treaty of mutual defense, which included the disputed territories in the continental defense zone.

In London, the Admiralty announced tonight that HMS Nigeria has arrived at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands.—Reuter.

Pretensions

The Falklands Governor today termed the claims of Argentina and Chile "pretensions," and gave this reiteration of British policy in the dependencies:

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